



Founded by Sidney Shepard, in Buffalo, in 1836, this business is now in its 80th year of manufacturing and distributing metalware products. Forty-nine years at the foot of lower Main Street, with a separate factory (during the latter part of this period) on Clinton Street; then offices and warehouse at 145, 147 and 149 Seneca Street, with enlarged factories along Clinton Street; then its present plant on Republic Street, between Kentucky, Tennessee, Vincennes and Alabama Streets, as shown above. A separate Can Factory is maintained at Clinton and Union Streets. A Branch House is maintained in both Chicago and New York City.



The REPUBLIC METALWARE Co.

Formerly *Sidney Shepard & Co.* Founded 1836

Dates of Interest to **BUFFALONIANS**

- 1679—Robert Cavelier de La Salle, the French explorer, launched from the shore at the eastern end of Lake Erie, the "Griffon," the first vessel to sail the upper Great Lakes.
- 1764—Earliest known mention of "Buffalo River," by that name.
- 1801—The site of Buffalo of today, then owned by Dutch investors of the Holland Land Co., was first surveyed and laid out, under the direction of Joseph Ellicott, the company's agent on the ground, as the village of "New Amsterdam." Ellicott, who was a native of Baltimore, is considered the founder of the city and for him "Ellicott Square" is named.

- 1802**—Settlement of Buffalo actually begun. (The name "Buffalo" was applied as early as this year.)
- 1803**—First mail received, on horseback. Until 1805 it was thus conveyed from the East, once every two weeks.
- 1807-8**—First schoolhouse was built, southwest corner present Swan and Pearl Streets.
- 1810**—(Feb. 10) The old "Township of Buffalo" established.
—First Court House built, located on present site of the Public Library.
- 1811**—Buffalo made a Port of Entry.
—(Oct. 3) First Buffalo newspaper, "The Buffalo Gazette," issued. (Later called "The Buffalo Patriot.")
- 1812**—First church organized in Buffalo ("First Presbyterian.")
—First book published in Buffalo, containing speeches of "Red Jacket," one of the principal chiefs of the Senecas.
- 1813**—(Dec. 31) Burned by the British and Indians.
- 1814**—(Jan. 1) British completed burning of the town. Only two buildings escaped.
- 1816**—(Dec. 10) Buffalo Library, first in village, organized.
- 1817**—(May) First vessel chartered at this port (the "Hannah.")
—(Aug. 10) President Monroe visited village.
- 1818**—(April) State Legislature authorized a survey of Buffalo Creek to determine feasibility of constructing a harbor.
—(May 28) "Walk-in-the-Water," first steamboat on Lake Erie, launched at Black Rock.
- 1819**—State agreed to loan the village \$12,000 to construct a harbor.
—(Jan. 24) First church edifice dedicated in Buffalo (Methodist).
- 1820**—Harbor Pier commenced near mouth of Buffalo River, which, on completion, turned the tide of lake traffic from Black Rock to Buffalo.
- 1822**—(April) Buffalo incorporated as a village.
- 1823**—The approach of the Erie Canal toward its western terminus, in this year, caused a general bettering of Buffalo activities, most of which had been practically paralyzed after its burn in 1813.
- 1825**—(Jan.) First village census gave a total of 2412 inhabitants.
—(June) Marquis de La Fayette visited Buffalo. Was received by the public in the square now bearing his name.
—(Sept. 26) First boat for New York over Erie Canal left, with Governor Clinton aboard.
—(Oct. 25) Erie Canal opened from New York to Buffalo amid great celebrations.
- 1827**—"Buffalo High School" incorporated.
- 1828**—First Directory of Buffalo published.
- 1830**—Old U. S. Branch Bank established in Buffalo.

BUFFALO

Dates to Remember

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In this year, when the city of Buffalo had less than 16,000 population (considerably smaller than the present size of Lockport).
—when it had but one paved street,
—when not a single railroad as yet connected it with either East or West,
—nor scarcely a ship had yet come into its harbor, under steam power, Sidney Shepard came to Buffalo and started the business, which in 1905 was incorporated as The REPUBLIC METALWARE Co. and which manufactures:

Lines of Products

Enamelled Ware
Tinware
Japanned Ware
Galvanized
Pure Aluminum Ware
Black and Sheet
Steel Ware
Tin Cans and Boxes

Specialties

"SAVORY" Roasters
"SAVORY" Double Boilers
"SAVORY" Bread Boxes and Cake Closets
"PERFECTION" Cake Tins
"CLEAN-CUT" Tins
"SHAKER" Sifters
"GILMORE" Graters
"HANDI-HOOK" Pot Covers
"NEW-KINK" Pot Covers
"B U F F A L O" Steam Cookers
"PROTEX" Sink Strainers

"Made in Buffalo"

- 1832**—Buffalo incorporated as a city.
—(May 28) First election of city officers; Dr. Ebenezer Johnson first mayor.
- 1835**—(June 22) Buffalo Theatre (first theatre proper in the city) opened corner S. Division and Washington Streets.
—First omnibus was run on the streets of Buffalo.
- 1836**—(Sept. 6) First train was run over Buffalo & Niagara Falls R. R.
—(Nov. 14) "Daily Buffalo Demokrat" first issued.
- 1844**—(Oct. 18) Most destructive storm in history of Buffalo.
—Buffalo Board of Trade organized.
- 1846**—University of Buffalo chartered by Legislature.
- 1850**—(July 10) Millard Fillmore, of Buffalo, became President of the United States.
- 1854**—(Jan. 28) Professor Agassiz lectured before Buffalo "Young Men's Association."
- 1860**—First horse car, in this city, run on Main [St.
- 1866**—74th Regiment Armory dedicated.
- 1868**—(March 12) Charles Dickens visited Buffalo; gave a reading at St. James Hall (then on present site of Iroquois Hotel).
- 1870**—(Jan.) Ralph Waldo Emerson lectured before "Young Men's Association."
- 1871**—(Sept. 12) Normal School first opened.
- 1872**—(June) Cornerstone of present City and County Hall laid.
—(Aug. 14) First official excursion over B., N. Y. & P. R. R.
- 1876**—(Feb.) City Hall clock set in motion by Mayor Philip Becker.
- 1878**—First telephone exchange opened in Buffalo, three or four years after Elisha Gray had successfully carried on an experimental telephone conversation between Sidney Shepard & Co.'s offices on Main St. and factory on Union St. over the Company's private telegraph line.
- 1879**—(June 26) Street cars were first run through to Delaware Park.
- 1882**—Grover Cleveland elected Mayor of Buffalo.
—(July 1) Main Street first lighted by electricity.
- 1885**—Grover Cleveland, of Buffalo, became President of the United States.
- 1888**—Waterworks, with supply from lake, built. Cost, \$9,100,000.
- 1891**—Electric street cars first run in Buffalo.
- 1893**—(Oct. 31) International Bridge completed.
- 1894**—Waterworks crib put in position in Niagara River.
- 1896**—(Nov. 16) Electric power from Niagara Falls first used in Buffalo.
- 1901**—(May 1 to Nov. 1) The Pan-American Exposition held in Buffalo.
- 1915**—(Sept. 22 to Oct. 2) You visited the Buffalo Industrial Exposition.